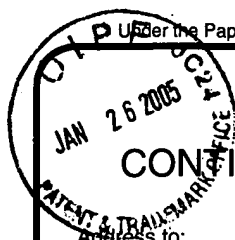


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Sir:

The present paper is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) according to 37 CFR 1.114. This request is filed after the filing of a notice of appeal, and the Commissioner is requested to consider this filing of an RCE to include a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen examination before the examiner. Included in this paper is an amendment of the claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$790.00 to the credit card account shown on the attached authorization. No further fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed to be due, for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the requisite amount from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INN643/4-013. Reopening of prosecution and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.